

*Homegoing Celebration
of
Dr. Flora J. Taylor Sanford*

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.
John 14: 2-3



Sunrise
Nov. 10, 1922

Sunset
May 19, 1999

SERVICE

Wednesday, June 2, 1999 ~ 11:00 a.m.

GOOD SAMARITAN CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

625 West MacArthur Boulevard, Oakland, CA 94609


OFFICIATING

BISHOP W.W. HAMILTON - California Northwest Jurisdiction

PRESIDING

BISHOP JERRY MACKLIN

My Heavenly Expectations



When my time comes to say goodbye
After laboring and toiling here below,
I want to hear that welcome voice
Bidding me home on the other shore.

I want to know he'll welcome me there
I'm striving to make it to the promise land,
That is why I am making preparations
To holding my Savior's hand.

I can better endure the trials each day
When I realize they will soon be gone,
I am thrilled about the heavenly meeting
How we'll shout around God's throne.

There will be no storms, no clouds nor earthquakes
To disturb the City so fair,
No rain, no snow, no flooded tides
For we'll be in our Savior's care.

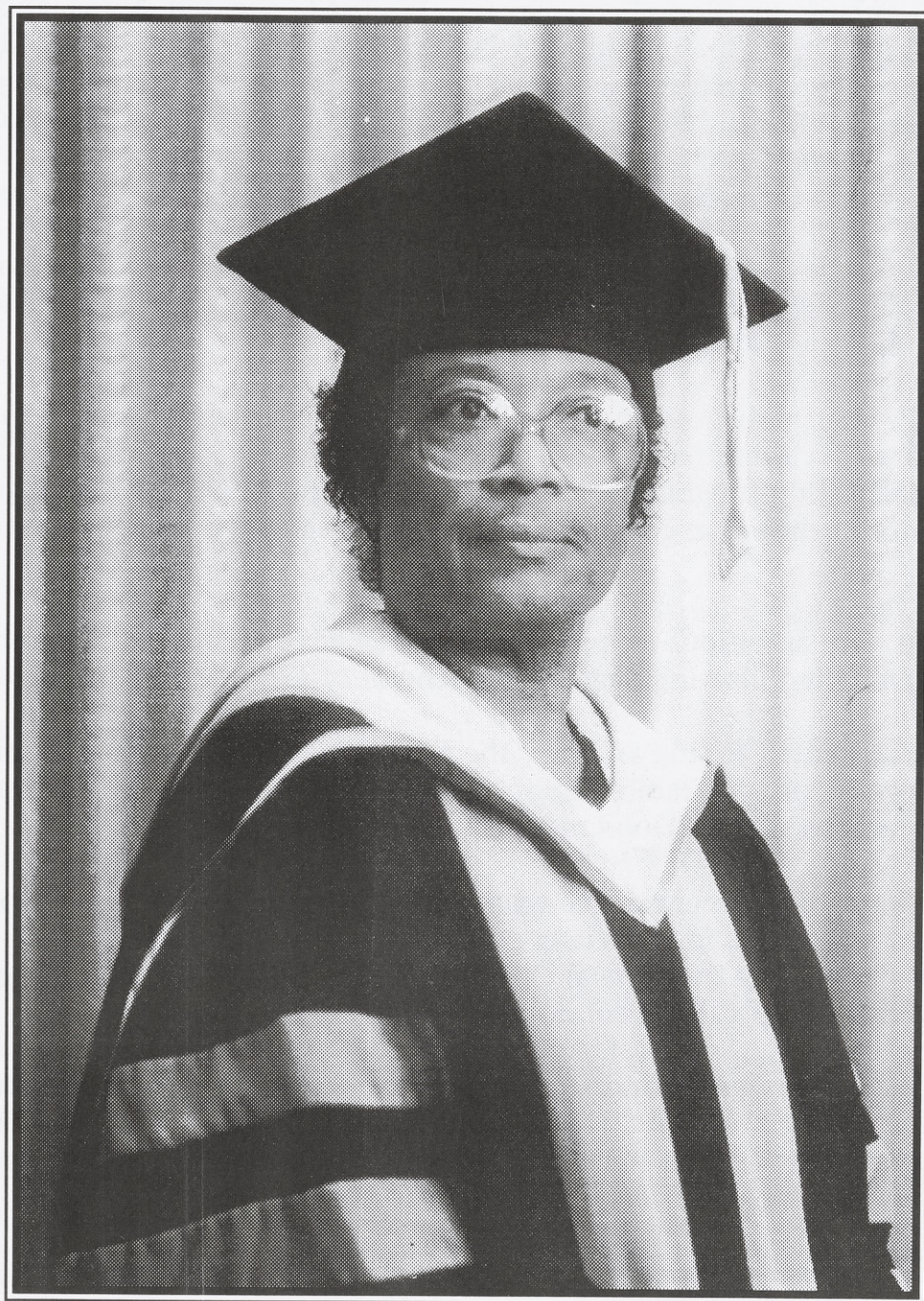
I long to see my Savior's face,
And join with the saints on high,
We'll shout hallelujah, praise his name,
In the sweet home bye and bye.

The saintly life that we enjoy here
Can't compare with what we shall see,
For Jesus has promised unspeakable joy,
Peace Love and Victory.

The choirs will be singing heavenly songs,
We will be shouting and praising his name
For there we will be by our Savior's side,
Our blessed redeemer, and our King.

I am striving to be ready when he calls me,
I am waiting for my Savior to come,
If my life has pleased him,
He'll say, "My child well done."

Composed by
Flora J. Taylor Sanford



THE OBITUARY

Dr. Flora J. Taylor Sanford was born to the proud parents of Sham and Ruth Taylor on November 10, 1922 in Dallas Texas. She attended public schools in Naples, Texas and graduated from Carver High School at the early age of 16.

Dr. Sanford was saved and sanctified at the age of 11 years old under the pastorate of the late Supt. Lelan Germany in Bloomberg, Texas. In 1942, she left Texas and moved west to Oakland, California where she united with Power House Church of God in Christ (now known as Mingleton Temple Church of God in Christ), under the pastorate of Elder I. J. Mingleton where she served faithfully in many auxiliaries. This is where she accepted her calling as a Missionary. Dr. Sanford was instrumental in the building of many churches and supported ministries locally and throughout the world.

The Lord spoke to Dr. Sanford in 1952 and in a vision commissioned her "to feed the hungry, cloth the naked, comfort the distressed, and counsel those who have problems, and educate those who are thirsty for knowledge."

In January, 1977, her vision became a reality when she opened Midtown Rehabilitation Center where she fed and clothed over 1200 men, women and children each month. She also established an education program where she gave men and women the opportunity to earn their G.E.D. Dr. Sanford believed in giving all she had to others for she knew this was the key to being blessed.

Dr. Sanford was very ambitious in her pursuit of higher education. She accomplished that end when she received the following degrees: a Bachelor of Art, Masters, and her doctorate (Ph.D.)

Dr. Sanford was anointed to sing and play the piano where she blessed thousands each morning with her radio ministry on radio station KEST! From this broadcast, everyone will always remember her famous words, "Good morning, good morning!"

In her earlier years, she received her embalmers' license in which she worked for Fouche's Hudson Funeral home. Dr. Sanford later established her own business, Saints Christian Funeral Chapel, where she became the Funeral Director and served the local church and community for well over 30 years. She became a comfort to many.

She accomplished many goals during her lifetime. She taught as a professor at several local colleges within the Bay Area. She was also well known throughout the Oakland Unified School District where she taught elementary, middle and high school. Dr. Sanford was very faithful in serving her church and community. She touched many lives.

Two years ago, her health became impaired and she could no longer overcome her afflictions. On May 19, 1999, the angels swept down and took her home to be with the Lord. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

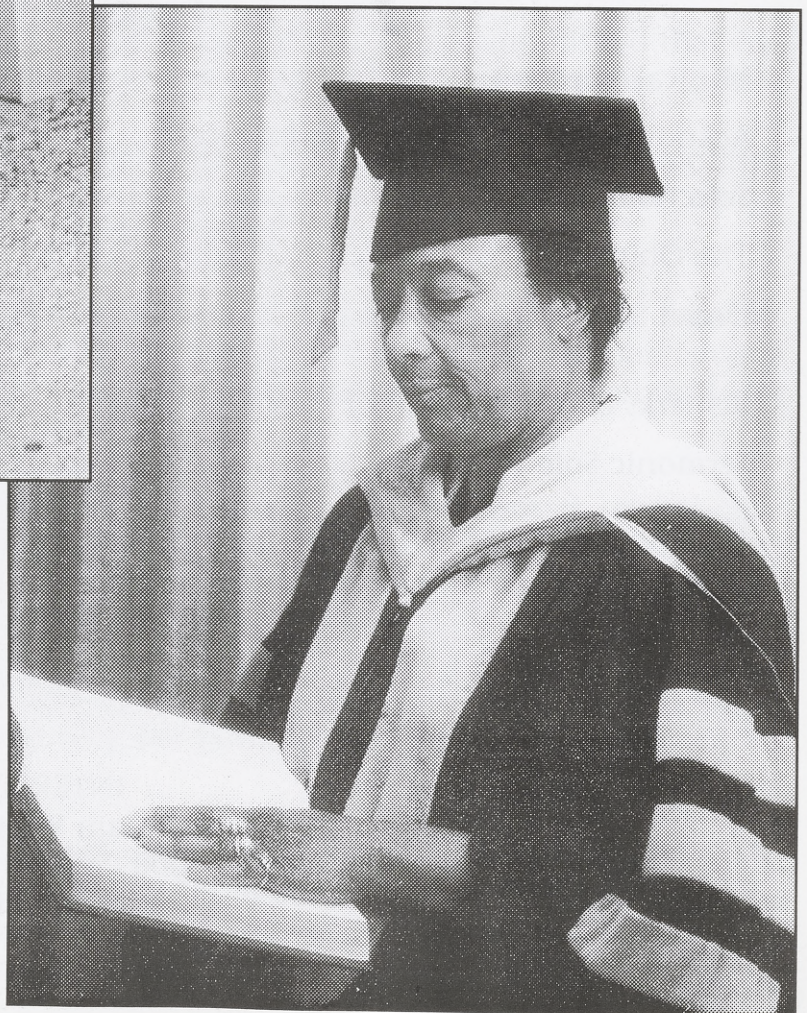
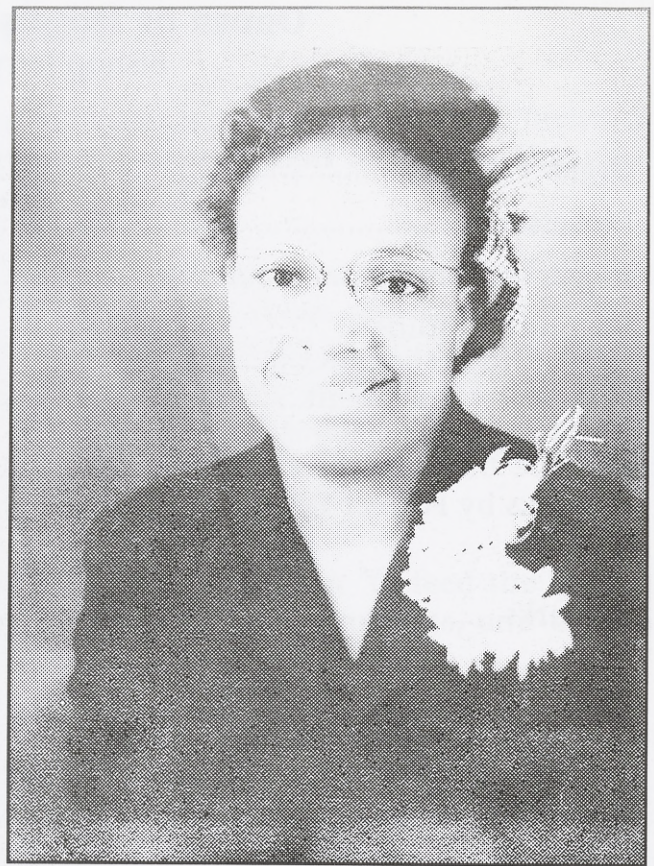
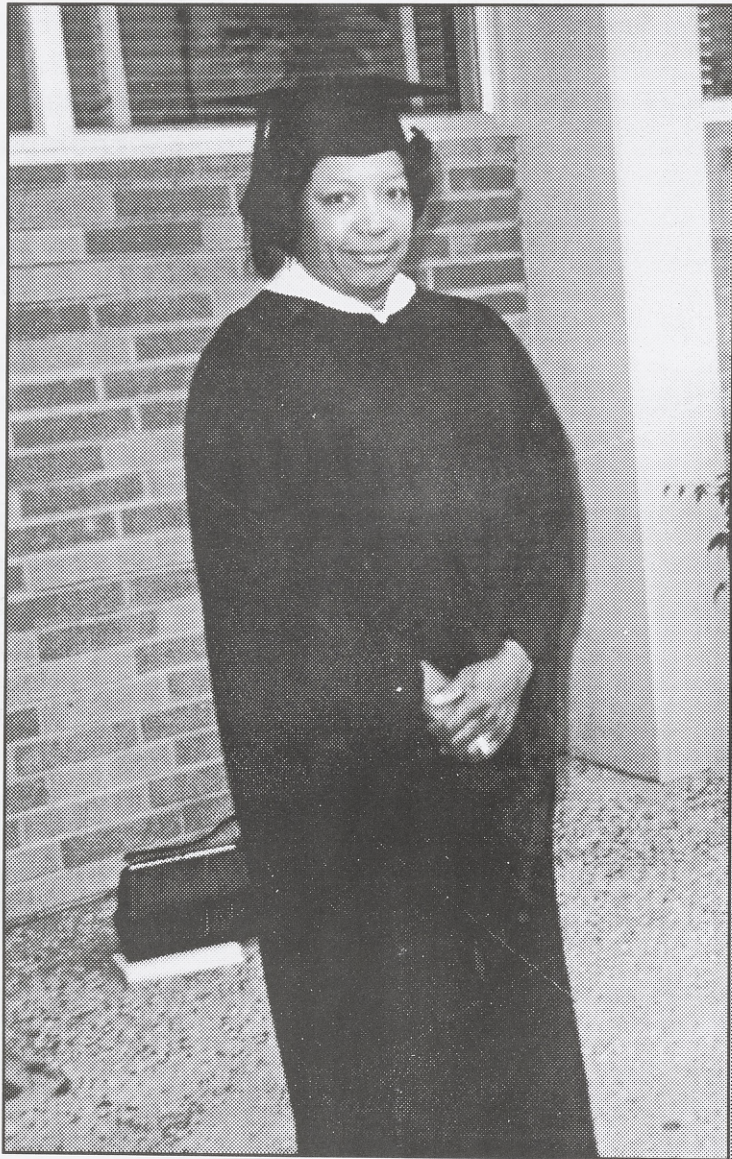
She leaves to celebrate her homegoing a devoted sister, Aline Lorraine Lothlen, one brother, Harold A. Taylor, one brother-in-law, Eld. Charles H. Webb, and one sister-in-law Florence Webb; two grandchildren, Kristine Marie Evans and Ricardo Evans, Jr., a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, Godchildren, foster children, and an enormous family of Saints and friends.

ORDER OF HOMEGOING CELEBRATION SERVICE

Bishop Jerry Macklin — Presiding

Organ Prelude.....	Eld. James Mitchell
Processional.....	Clergy and Family
Prayer of Comfort.....	Eld. John M. Evans
Scripture Reading:	
Old Testament.....	Eld. John Williams
New Testament	Eld. Ronald Thompson
Musical Selection.....	Choir
Remarks by Former Pastors.....	Eld. F.W. Cotton Eld. Charles H. Webb
Remarks.....	Bishop Abraham Urquhart of Philadelphia, PA (Representing, Eld. Elwin Urquhart)
Expressions.....	(2 mins. please)
Musical Selection	Prosper
Resolutions.....	Mssy. Victorine Houston
Expressions	State Supervisors Mo. Louise Perrodine, Supervisor of California Northwest Jurisdiction And Others
Musical Selection.....	The Webb Sisters
Acknowledge of Cards & Condolences	Mo. Lillie Riley
Selection	Mssy. Opal King
The Obituary	(read silently)
Organ Solo	"Amazing Grace".....Rev. Charles Renard Webb
Remarks & Introduction of Pastors & Bishops.....	
Sermonic Solo	Eld. Rickie Hannah
Eulogy.....	Bishop W. W. Hamilton
Parting View	McNary-Morgan-Engel-Jackson
Recessional	

INTERMENT
Mountain View Cemetery
5000 Piedmont Avenue
Oakland, California





My Flora — My Love

The Flora that I know talks fast
But is always ahead of the class
Is very kind
Says, her mind!

A born again believer —
Never a deceiver
Flora has weathered the storm
Never meaning to do her fellowman, no harm!

Always as sweet as a rose
Flora, you have always been in control
Saving for God, men's soul
Has never asked many for much
Always keeping that heavenly touch —
Flora, I know not how the rest of the family feels
But to me (Cuz) my Flora is real
God has really granted her a seat
My fellow human beings that you can't beat

FLORA, I LOVE YOU
I know you feel the same about me too —
My FLORA — My LOVE — My FRIEND
God is with you 'til the END.
Cuz
Archie Belford

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Arthur Bobo, Jr.
Brandon Randle
Quincy Shepherd

Victor C. Goodwin
Lemuel Sneed
Jonathan Webb

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

District Superintendents & Pastors District Missionaries

Special Thanks to the following Caregivers

Mo. Emma Byrd
Sis. Ora Lee Hunter
Mssy. Opal King
Eld. & Sis. Charles Moore
Mssy. Rita Simmons

Mssy. Adele Coleman
Ms. Jean Jeffery
Sis. Patricia Lynch
Mssy. Lorraine Palmer
Sis. Iradean Watson

Our Appreciation

We, the family of Flora J. Taylor Sanford, wish to express our deepest gratitude and sincere thanks for your prayers and your kindness, which has been evidenced in thought and deed in your attendance at the funeral service on today.
The Family

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